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Thematic assessment of land degradation and restoration

Chapters of the thematic assessment of land degradation and restoration (deliverable 3 (b) (i))

1. In paragraph 2 of section IV of decision IPBES-3/1, the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services approved the undertaking of a thematic assessment of land degradation and restoration in accordance with the procedures for the preparation of the Platform's deliverables set out in annex I to decision IPBES-3/3, based on the scoping report for the assessment set out in annex VIII to decision IPBES-3/1.

2. In response to the decision, a set of eight chapters and their executive summaries (this document) and a summary for policymakers (IPBES/6/3) were produced by an expert group in accordance with the procedures for the preparation of the Platform's deliverables.

3. The Plenary, at its sixth session, will be invited to approve the summary for policymakers. It will be further invited to accept the chapters of this assessment, which will be revised, following the sixth session, to ensure consistency with the summary for policymakers as approved.

4. The annex to the present note, which is presented without formal editing, sets out the eight chapters and their executive summaries of the thematic assessment for land degradation and restoration. They will be submitted to the Plenary at its sixth session for its acceptance.

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Annex

[Note for conference services: the eight chapters will be inserted here]